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\$250,000 For This Year

1975 State Missions Goal Is Ambitious

By Don McGregor

The missions effort in Mississippi is just as important as is that in New Mexico or South America. The lost in Corinth and Jackson and Pascagoula and all in between are just as lost as those in San Francisco and Tokyo and Buenos Aires.

With that in mind a state mission offering goal double that of any previous year was established for this year. This is ambitious, to be sure; but last year's half-sized goal was oversubscribed by mission-minded Mississippians.

This year's goal is \$250,000, which is about 60 cents for each resident member of a Mississippi Baptist church.

Observers would be quick to point out, however, that the goal is more likely to be reached by expecting an average of \$10 each from about 25,000 members rather than hoping for 60 cents each from more than 400,000.

By far the largest part of this goal would go for new missions. The amount in the state missions offering budget to help start new work is \$190,300.

The budget is printed in its entirety on this page. There are not many items, but each carries a great deal of importance.

The budget reveals that the next largest item is \$30,950 for Camp Garaywa, and then there is an allocation for \$11,000 for church building aid.

The other three allocations are \$8,000 for pastoral aid, \$2,500 for Indian work, and \$1,250 for Negro work.

The church building aid is to be distinguished from the allocation for new missions.

Large-scale population gains are expected in four areas of the state as the economy gets underway again. These areas are in the Memphis suburbs in DeSoto County, in the Hinds-Madison-Rankin metropolitan area, in Jackson County, and in the Gulf Coast association area of Harrison and Hancock counties.

Jackson metropolitan area takes in two associations, and the director of each makes that statement for his own association.

These are some of the potential missions situations where the almost \$200,000 can be used to good advantage. Sites have been purchased in Hinds-Madison Association. Rev. Fred Tarpley, director

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New Areas Need New Churches

By Dr. Earl Kelly

Wherever one goes in Mississippi he will find a church belonging to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. These churches may be open country, village, county seat town, or city churches; but each one is an evidence that people of faith wanted an organized church to bear witness to the Lordship of Christ in their community. Few of these communities or churches sprang forth, like Minerva of Ancient Myth, full grown. Their beginnings were small and it has taken decades for present size and strength to evolve. Many of our towns and churches were begun a century and a half ago.

Mississippi is now undergoing an unprecedented growth phenomenon. Instant cities are being built in several areas of the state. These planned communities will be made up of thousands of homes, giant shopping centers, schools, and hospitals. Thousands of people will be grouped in these new subdivisions because the business world has a plan. If these dense population areas are to have churches, church people will have to wisely plan for churches to be born. There is not time to wait for a church to evolve. Land must be secured in the early stages of community planning, or there will be no place for a church when the development reaches completion.

Your Executive Secretary-Treasurer has requests from the fast growth areas for assistance in buying land that is now available for new church sites. If funds were available we could wisely spend \$250,000 today. Property can now be bought for a much cheaper price than when the planned cities will have been built. Several sites are needed in areas where 2,000 homes are being built. Great churches will serve these areas if our people will make funds available through the State Mission Offering. Please plan to double whatever you have given in the past so that we can have the resources to meet the challenge.

Convention Board To Assume BSU Salaries

Plans are under way for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to assume the employment of the Baptist student directors at all of the tax-supported junior colleges in the state, Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work for the Board, has declared.

The plan calls for the board to assume the employment of three directors each year until the implementation is completed in 1978.

Directors whose salaries were assumed by the Convention Board on Jan. 1 are serving students at Northeast, East Central, and Southwest. Next year the board will assume the employment of directors serving the Baptist students at Copiah-Lincoln, Northwest, and Gulf Coast.

Until the individual directors (Continued on page 2)

Women Released, Appeal For Georgi Vins' Freedom

KESTON, England (BP) — Five reform Baptist women, recently released from a Soviet prison, began an immediate appeal for the release of dissident reform Baptist minister and leader Georgi Vins, Keston New Service (KNS) said here.

Another development, reported by KNS, indicates that the Kiev Church, of which Vins is an elected officer, is enjoying an unparalleled measure of freedom for churches under Soviet communism.

The five women, Ida Korotun, Tatyana Kozhemyakina, Zinaida Tarasova, Yekaterina Grishenko and Nadezhda Lvova, were arrested as workers on a secret printing press discovered by the K. G. B. (Russian secret police)

last autumn in Latvia. They were freed on June 27 in connection with International Women's Year, according to the news service of Keston College, Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism.

Following their release, the women wrote a letter to Christians of the world, "praising God for their release" and thanking those who "by their earnest prayers and appeals" helped to gain their release, KNS reported.

The women appealed particularly for Vins and for two men arrested with them, also workers of the "Christian" printing press still in prison, and other Christians they said are still in Soviet prisons.

KNS reports Vins is in a prison camp near Yakutsk in the Soviet Union. (Continued on page 5)

Look, And See State Missions

by Marjean Patterson

WMU Executive Secretary

Did you ever SEE a special mission offering. Oh, I don't mean did you see the checks and dollar bills given by members of your church for a special cause. But did you ever actually see an offering in action, what can be accomplished with money which is given out of loving concern by Christian people?

We Mississippi Baptists have an opportunity to SEE our State Mission Offering in action this year — right here in our state.

For every one dollar given to the State Mission Offering, for example, some 79¢ of it will be invested in new missions and churches in rapidly growing areas of our state. It will be possible for us actually to see these new buildings, and in the calling of mature, well-trained, full-time pastors.

Some 12 cents out of each dol-

lar will be channeled to serve Mississippi Baptists through Camp Garaywa, at Clinton, where year-round activities in missions education are provided for women and girls in Mississippi Baptist

churches. The facilities at Garaywa are also used by our churches and by some of the departments of work in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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State Mission Offering Allocations—1975

New Missions	\$199,300
Church Building Aid	11,000
Pastoral Aid	5,000
Camp Garaywa	30,950
Indian Work	2,500
Negro Work	1,250
TOTAL	\$250,000

Rankin Needs A Church A Year Next 10 Years

Rankin County is included in the area in and around Jackson that is expected to explode with people and houses and shopping centers within the next few years. In fact, the growth there has already begun.

J. C. Renfroe, director of missions, Rankin Association, says, "As we look at it now, we are going to need an average of one new church a year for the next ten years in Rankin County, to meet the needs of growth."

"One new church in the county, the church at Crossgates, has gotten an architectural firm to draw plans for their first unit — about a \$250,000 unit — and will have groundbreaking in September."

The Crossgates development, which will have a population in excess of 15,000, is situated about 1½ miles west of Brandon and fronts on Highway 80. The development consists of single family homes, multi-family units and townhouses. The price of homes there begins at \$30,000.

First Church, Brandon sponsored the mission at Crossgates, directed by the Missions Committee of Rankin Association.

A mobile chapel owned by Mississippi Baptists has been the initial meeting house. Dr. David Durrett was called as pastor last February.

For Crossgates Church, 4.3 acres have been bought for \$23,846 and the New Church Expansion Committee of the Convention Board voted to underwrite the total cost of this property.

Mr. Renfroe reports on another location: "At Castlewoods we signed the deed August 22. This is going to be a rather exclusive community and we purchased a mission site right near Highway 25 (Lakeland Extended) in order that the people across the highway (about two blocks) from Millcreek subdivision also will be close to the church. It's going to be a tremendous thing. A sign will be placed up there immediately: The Future Home of Castlewoods Baptist Church. We are planning to continue to work in development of the church as the community develops."

The Castlewoods church site of 5.2663 acres was bought at a total price of \$65,000. Rankin Association made a \$5,000 down payment and the New Church Expansion Committee of the Convention Board voted to underwrite the balance of the purchase price. The development surrounding the church site will ultimately contain 2,000 units, and individual lots adjacent to the church site will sell for \$13,500. An 18-hole golf course will be a part of the development.

State Missions Goal Ambitious

(Continued from page 1) of missions, says "If you wait four or five years, (for the area to develop), you've waited too long." He adds, "We find it has been a bad use of mission money to have to buy up houses close to church sites. But look at all of these new churches and look at what they are putting back into the Cooperative Program."

"We are familiar with areas where already \$1 million has been spent on sewer systems. We know there is going to be growth there. They don't spend that kind of money unless they've got big development."

Rev. Ervin Brown, director of missions in DeSoto Association, feels things are about to break loose where the new church ex-

pansion program helped obtain a \$21,000 site for Twin Lakes Church. In this area where there are 305 houses and 567 developed lots the recession had caused a slowdown. He said, "This past week there were over 30 new houses being built, and this is just the beginning which we feel will turn that community around."

The \$11,000 amount for church building aid will be used for emergencies that occur with existing buildings.

At Camp Garaywa the almost \$31,000 will be used for staff salaries at the camp, for some operational expenses such as insurance, and to provide camp programs for some who wouldn't be able to have them otherwise.

The work with the Indians has its romance, also. The money

goes to Rev. and Mrs. Dolton Hagan to be used as they need it, but some is used to provide piano lessons for any of the Indian children who are interested. There were no pianists for the Indian children, but this fund is providing some.

The Woman's Mission Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is promoting the state mission offering throughout Mississippi. Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi WMU, explains that it is a church-wide offering with the missionary organization serving as the driving force behind the effort.

The season of prayer for state missions is Sept. 14-17. To aid in the state missions offering promotion the WMU has mailed to every church copies of a booklet

itled "State Mission Season of Prayer." The theme is "Ties That Bind the Mississippi Baptist Family," and the writer is Mrs. Carl Nelson, wife of the pastor of First Church, Pelahatchie. Mrs. Nelson is the author of four books that have been published on the role women in various areas of life.

The booklet is written in the style of two television interview shows and includes suggestions for their use. The first is "Today in Mississippi," and the other is "Coffee with Marjean."

In question and answer method the two go into detail on the use, need, and expectations of the state missions offering and the results of its use. The material is designed to be presented before church audiences by the WMU organizations.

Look And See

State Missions

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Church building aid, in the form of assistance following crisis situations such as fire, tornado or other natural disaster, will use approximately five cents out of each State Mission Offering dollar this year. Two cents from each dollar will provide emergency pastoral aid, and the remaining two cents from each of our State Missions Offering dollars will make possible some special assistance in the work with the Choctaws in central Mississippi and with National Baptists all over the state.

So I hope you will, figuratively and literally — SEE State Mission Offering dollars in action this year.

Never have we had such a stimulating challenge toward whi-

ATLANTIC CITY (RNS) — The American Baptist Churches' Board of International Ministries is expanding mission work in Thailand through a cooperative arrangement with the Baptist Union of Sweden.

ch to reach out and work for in Mississippi. Let's LOOK on our state and SEE what can be done here in an effort to share the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ with people of the Magnolia State.

Ministers's Retreat To Be Held In Iuka

A Ministers Retreat will be held at Mill Creek Resort near Iuka September 22-26. The resort is on Pickwick Lake. Gene Kimberly, member of the Iuka Church, is donating the lodging. There will be no planned program. This will be a time of fellowship and re-

treating.

Boating, swimming, tennis, and golf will be available. Charles Dampeer, pastor, and Jerry Swimmer, minister of music of the Iuka Church, will be in charge.

If you plan to attend please call Iuka Baptist Church 422-5246 or write 105 West Eastport Street, Iuka, Mississippi 38852.

Adams-Union Associations Dedicate Conference Center

The new office building and conference center of Adams-Union Associations, 130 D'Evereux Dr., Natchez, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, August 24, followed by open house.

The building houses the office of the director of missions, Rev. Richard D. Pass, a reception of-

fice, literature room, work room, conference room, and kitchen.

Members of the committee to select a site and build the facility were: Rev. Robert E. Jones, chairman, pastor of Washington Church; Paul Green, Adams Association moderator; C. E. Dossell; Wallace Wesley; and Charles Wells, all of Natchez.

Hinds-Madison: "Big Growth Area"

there is a plot of 1500 acres that will possibly be developed in the future. There is a development up in Madison County where 4000 homes are to be built. So it's popping everywhere!

"This morning," Mr. Tarpley continues, "I've been down on Highway 18 about half-way between Forest Hill and Raymond looking for a site right out in the country, but they are already cutting streets for subdivisions within a mile or two of it. Now if you wait four or five years, you've waited too late. You've got to get this land now because soon this city is going to boom in every direction.

"Apparently Jackson is right for growth and when the money market breaks and a few things happen, we think that there is going to be tremendous growth.

One way the association keeps ahead is to stay in touch with the city planning board and the county planning board. Before anything is done, it has to be plotted, and then developers must talk to them about sewerage plans and all of that. We know that when al-

lready \$1 million or more has been spent on sewerage, there will be growth.

They don't spend that kind of money unless they've got a big development. You've got to sell lots, and they know that. They have to provide three things — the water, the streets, and the sewerage system."

The New Church Expansion Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has voted to underwrite the total cost of ten acres of property for a future church site, located at the corner of Lakeshore Drive and Rainey

Road in south Jackson, at the Heritage Estates. Developers there have spent \$300,000 on sewerage and have built 225 homes in a subdivision that is to contain 1,000 homes.

Mr. Tarpley says, "I feel that one of the smartest things that the Mississippi Baptist Convention has ever done is to provide funds in buying these church sites while they are available and before these subdivisions come in and take up all the land. We find from experience here in the Jackson area that it has been a bad use of mission money to have to buy up houses close to church sites.

"Hinds-Madison Association is using one of the mobile chapels owned by Mississippi Baptists at Wildwood Church in Clinton.

"Recently Hinds-Madison Asso-

ciation bought \$40,000 worth of land down south and a plot up north we paid \$80,000 plus for. That wrecks the associational budget! That's nearly as big as our budget is! There is just no way to do it!

"But in a few years we can start a good strong church on the new sites. Look at Oak Forest and Colonial Heights in Jackson, and all these other new churches. Look what they are putting back into the Convention Board. Broadmoor was a mission church and now they are the second highest in gifts in the state. Look at Morris Heights in Clinton, 15 years old and a giant church. Our association bought the land and helped them get started. This is the way to do. We are really on the way now!"

Baptist Men To Study State Missions Needs

By Elmer Howell, Director, Brotherhood Department, MBCB
The week of September 14-17 is a week of mission opportunity for Baptist Men in Mississippi. Many of the Baptist Men's groups will be having special state mission programs, presenting the idea of state missions to the men of the churches.

In some instances, the Wednesday night services will be under the direction of the Baptist Men, using various age groups of the church membership, emphasizing state missions.

Many of the Baptist Men's groups will be planning prayer breakfast meetings with the idea of state missions at the very center of their program, during which time the men will be informed concerning state missions needs, and will be challenged to a prayerful support of state missions. They will also be called upon and given opportunity to support the cause of state missions with the stewardship of their gifts.

September 14

State Mission Day In The Sunday School

By Bryant M. Cummings, Director, Sunday School Department, MBCB

Sunday, September 14 will be observed and recognized by many Sunday Schools throughout our Southern Baptist Convention and all the state associations.

Contractors Invited

To Bid On Baptist Camp In Attala Co.

The Committee charged with the responsibility of developing and building the Mississippi Baptist Camping and Retreat Facility in Attala County is prepared to advertise for bids on the construction of the sixteen and one-half acre lake to be located on the property.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, chairman of the Committee, announces that all interested contractors are invited to meet at the Attala Baptist Building, 209 Woodland Drive, in Kosciusko, on Friday, September 5, at 2 p.m. Prospective contractors will be shown the lake site and will be provided with copies of specifications for construction of the dam. It is requested that all interested contractors come to Kosciusko on that date only. Dr. Moore will welcome telephone inquiries at 601-289-1766.

Salaries

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salaries are totally assumed by the Convention Board they come from Baptist sources in the local area and supplements from the Convention Board.

A misprint in last week's issue stated that the salaries before being assumed by the Convention Board were not paid from Baptist funds. They are paid from Baptist funds but not totally from Cooperative Programs funds.

Gulf Coast Must Brace For 100,000 More People In Next 15 Years

By J. W. Bristor, Director of Missions
Gulf Coast Association

To the average association, 52 churches and missions would seem to be a large number. This is not so when you consider that these 52 churches and missions are located in a three-county area and that they are trying to minister to more than 200,000 people. They must also seek to minister to the thousands of tourists who flock to the area almost year round. They also have the responsibility to minister to some 8,000 foreign seamen who come to Gulfport, Mississippi's only state owned port, each year plus the internationals who train at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, and the many internationals employed at the Navy Base in Gulfport.

With an already overtaxed budget, the asso-

ciation must minister to the estimated forty to fifty thousand unchurched people who already live in the area and to brace for an additional 100,000 people in the next 15 years.

Of the 52 churches and missions, four have come into existence in the last twelve months. In the summer of 1974 the Highland Mission was begun in the Highland Subdivision north of Pass Christian. This mission has cost Baptists very little since the members purchased the land and the mobile chapel in which they meet. In November 1974, the Commission Road Baptist Mission was begun in Long Beach on property already purchased by the association 12 years ago and the Mississippi Baptist Convention furnished a mobile chapel in which they meet. This mission is already self-sustaining.

The youngest mission was begun July 6 of this year in a motel room at Diamondhead, a planned community that some day will contain 30,000 people. A site as well as a meeting place is needed tomorrow.

The association borrowed money to purchase an additional mission site in North Biloxi and presently is only able to pay the interest on the loan. There are currently six sites where missions could be begun tomorrow if we had places to meet. There is one area north of Biloxi where there are more than 1,000 families now living with no Southern Baptist church within four miles.

The churches of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association are grateful to Mississippi Baptists for their assistance in furnishing the mobile chapel in our area and for the assistance on the salary of the language missions director.

(Note: Since the above was written, the New Church Expansion Committee, MBCB, has met and has decided the following concerning new churches in Gulf Coast Association:

The association bought three acres of land in Forrest Cove north of Biloxi for \$15,500, borrowed from Church Building Saving and Loan. The New Church Expansion Committee voted to assume this loan and liquidate the debt from receipts of the 1975 state mission offering. The committee also decided to help provide pastoral support for Commission Road Mission. They requested that the association negotiate for a church site in Diamondhead, which site may cost \$45,000-\$50,000. Also they asked the association to search for a church site in Sunkist Subdivision north of Back Bay Biloxi. The nearest Southern Baptist Church to Sunkist is 2½ miles south. Land there will probably cost \$10,000 an acre.)



Lemoine Boulevard, meeting in a mobile chapel, was sponsored by First Church, Ocean Springs.



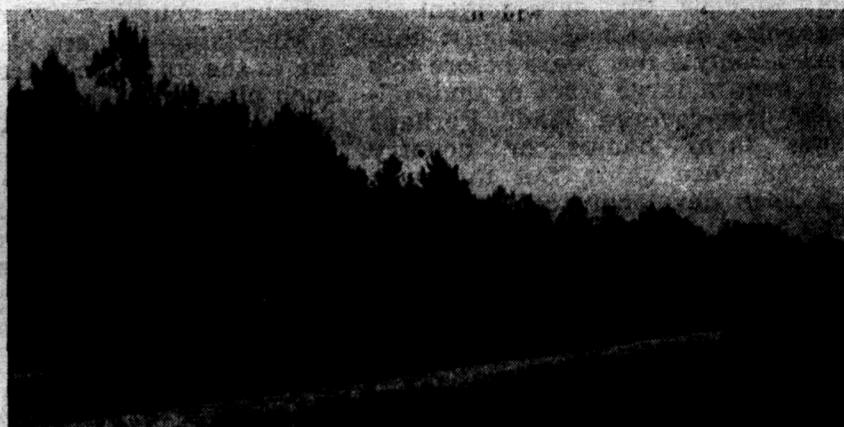
Southside Chapel is sponsored by Ingalls Avenue, Pascagoula.



Cambridge Square is sponsored by First Church, Moss Point.



Tall Pines is one of the future church sites in Jackson County.



Jackson County has brought 5½ acres with a 300-foot front on Highway 90 for a future church site. The New Church Expansion Committee, MRCB, voted to assume the debt of \$30,000.

Six Sites Bought In Jackson County

By Zeno Wells, Director of Missions, Jackson County Association
During the last five years, state missions in Mississippi has aided our association to purchase property for six mission sites and provided a mobile chapel that is now serving the second mission. The progress to date would have been most difficult, if not impossible, without this aid. So to all Mississippi Baptists, our people of Jackson County Association wish to say "thank you." The aid given has been used as follows:

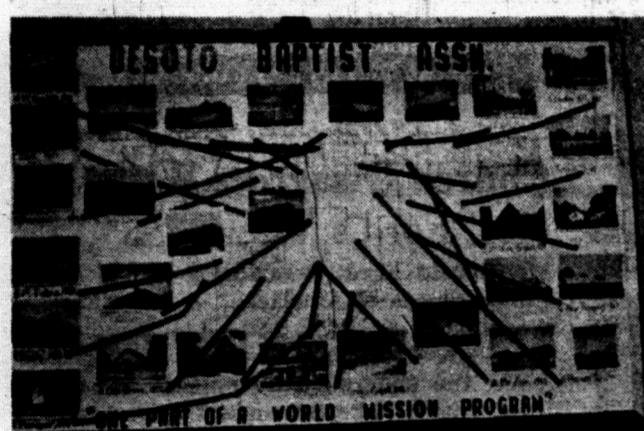
The purchase of mission sites	\$68,000.00
1970 Lemoine Blvd.	4,500.00
1972-73 Gautier-Vancleave Rd.	3,000.00
1972-73 Cambridge Square	3,750.00
1973 Southside	16,750.00
1974 Tall Pine Acres	10,000.00
1974 Highway 90	30,000.00
The use of one mobile chapel: Woodhaven Baptist Church (chapel) Lemoine Blvd. Chapel	1971-75 1975-??

Three of the above sites, Gautier-Vancleave, Tall Pines and Highway 90, are future sites. There are two other areas where sites should be purchased.

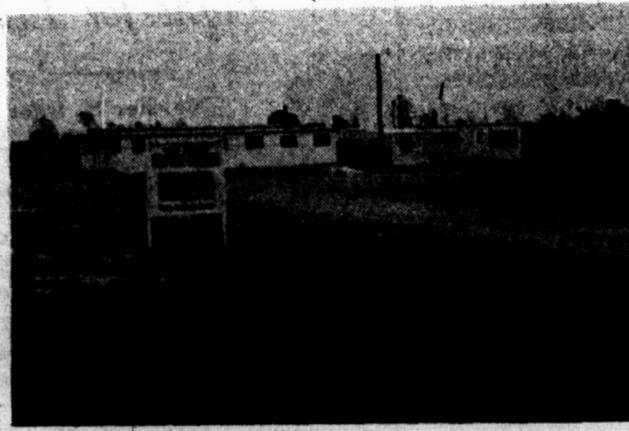
Because of the many job opportunities, the area continues to grow; 18% from 1970 to 1973. New people are finding employment every day.

New shipbuilding contacts have just been secured. Five churches plan to sponsor Vietnamese families. The language ministry is growing and needs two centers for the seamen.

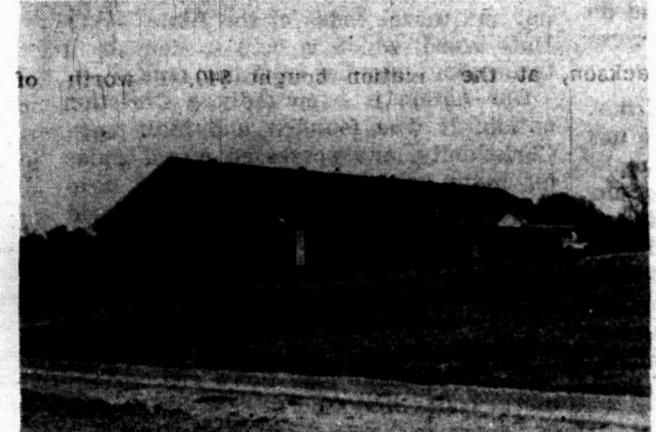
Many might be interested in knowing that the Lemoine Blvd. has a full-time pastor, Bill Renick, a seminary graduate, whose salary is underwritten by First Church, Ocean Springs, Paul Aultman, pastor. That Southside is getting ready to call a full-time pastor supported wholly by the chapel itself, Bob Storie is interim pastor and Ingalls Avenue Church is sponsor, Allen Webb is pastor. That the Cambridge Square is the largest in attendance of the three missions and is self-supporting. Al Green, a seminary student, is pastor and First Church, Moss Point, is sponsor, Bobby Perry is pastor.



The number of churches in DeSoto Association has doubled since 1967—from 14 to 28.



Twin Lakes Church (DeSoto) is still using a mobile chapel owned by Mississippi Baptists, as supplementary space, even though they have moved into a new building.



Greenbrook (DeSoto) — The New Church Expansion Committee has voted to explore the possibility of assisting this church with a pastoral subsidy.



DeSoto Woods (DeSoto) is still using the association's mobile chapel and also has a small building.

Billy Graham

The Billy Graham Mississippi Crusade is being shown on television three nights this week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For most of you the programs will be over when this paper reaches you, but we hope you saw them. For some, however, it is still not too late to see one or two of the programs. We urge you to tune them in.

New Study Of Parochial Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Americans United today issued a study of seven referendum elections since 1967 which have dealt electoral defeats to advocates of tax aid for parochial schools. Entitled *The People Speak: The Seven Parochial Referenda 1967-1974*, the report by Americans United research director Albert J. Menendez concludes that "it is evident that the voters have spoken with a clear voice in their resolute rejections of various parochial aid schemes in several different geographic areas."

The research report covers the

defeat of a plan to remove anti-parochial aid provisions from New York's constitution in 1967 and Oregon's in 1972, and the passage of a constitutional amendment outlawing parochial aid in Michigan in 1970. In addition, defeat of voucher-type schemes in Nebraska in 1970 and Maryland in 1972, plus rejection of a bus transportation amendment in Idaho in 1972 are included in this report. The defeat of a \$10 million parochial aid package in Maryland in 1974 completes the study.

The original site of four acres for Twin Lakes Church was bought by DeSoto Association from a "revolving mission funds" at a cost of \$21,125. The church was to repay the association when they could make their first building loan. However, the church needs this money to provide minimum buildings to care for its present enrollment. Because of this, the New Church Expansion Committee of the MRCB voted to repay the DeSoto Association's revolving mission fund from 1975 state mission offering receipts.

"The first church that moved down was Longview Heights back in 1970. They now have a full-time pastor. Then the next church that moved down was Church Road, the former Westwood. Now they have their own building and a full-time pastor. Then the other

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Christ for Today, a weekly gospel radio program, has completed ten years of broadcasting.

Proceed cautiously at all times — too many people mistake spectacular effort for success.

"We Received Support From Mississippi Baptists When We Needed It"

By Curtis L. Miller, Pastor
Woodhaven Church
Ocean Springs
Jackson County

First Baptist Church of Gautier, under the leadership of Rev. W. C. Burns (pastor 1963-1972) felt impressed of the Holy Spirit to start a new work in Ocean Springs. After much prayer the church planned a census of the Woodhaven Subdivision in eastern Ocean Springs. When the census was completed, a need was recognized for a church in that area. The response of the people of the area was wonderful.

The census was taken in the summer of 1971, and by August 1 of that same year the Mississippi Baptist Convention moved one of its large

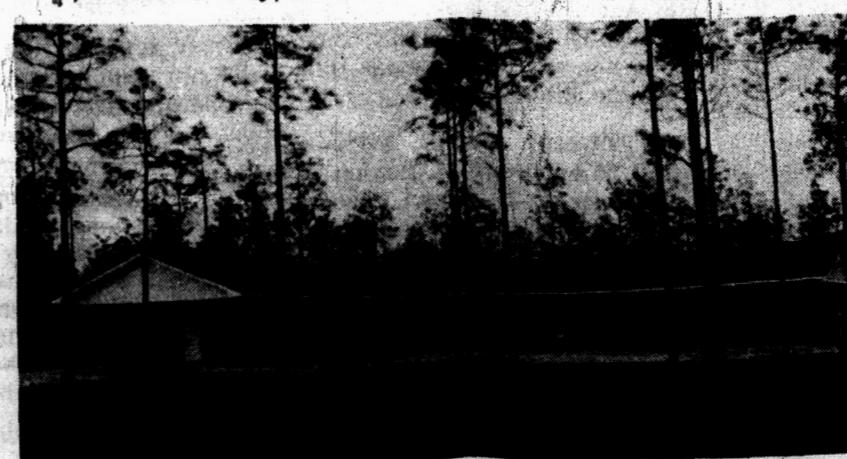
expando trailers onto a ten-acre plot of ground in the area purchased by the Jackson County Baptist Association. This trailer made it possible for the mission to be organized immediately instead of having to wait to secure facilities in which to meet.

The first meeting was held in the trailer on August 15, 1971, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School. On August 20, another meeting was held to make plans for revival, which was conducted later in the same month. With a good revival spirit and some new additions into the mission the work began to grow. The first regular worship service was held on September 12, and three families moved from the Gautier Church to begin the new work. From that time on, First Church of

Gautier gave the mission financial support and leadership. Between October 1971 and May of 1973 two pastors had been called and served on a part-time basis. Rev. Zeno Wells, Jackson County, direct-

or of missions, and Rev. Bill Barton served as interim pastors through December of 1973.

With the promise of pastoral aid from the Mississippi Baptist Convention, I was called



Woodhaven Church at Ocean Springs is complete and the members, who met for three years in a trailer, have "moved in."

and moved on the field as Woodhaven's first full-time pastor. With my moving on the field a request was made of First Church, Gautier, to organize the mission into a church.

The organizational meeting was held Jan. 20, 1974, and Woodhaven Baptist Chapel became Woodhaven Baptist Church. There were 66 members of the chapel at the time of its organization. With the continued support of Gautier Church, and pastoral aid from the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Woodhaven Church moved out on its own. The budget for that year was \$21,000 dollars, with ten per cent going through the Cooperative Program to world missions.

The Woodhaven Church outgrew the trailer in 1974 and began to make plans to build

Building plans were drawn, and plans were made to begin our new building early in 1975. And again, the Mississippi Baptist Convention came through to help us through building aid. When building materials were placed on the grounds and the building began to go up, we received a check from the Convention Board in the amount of \$1,000. This brought great rejoicing on the part of our people.

Now the building is completed, we have moved in, and are growing faster than ever. God continues to bless, praise His name. But Woodhaven Baptist Church will always be faithful supporters of state missions because of the support our church received from Mississippi Baptists at a time when we needed it. This is truly a cooperative spirit.

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Mississippi Baptists Project New Churches

A few months ago it was our privilege to visit the Tallowood Baptist Church in a great new residential area in the western section of Houston, Texas. Here, situated on a spacious several acre plot, is one of the finest, best planned church plants in the whole Southern Baptist Convention. Across the street were the splendid buildings of some other churches. One had only to view the development to recognize that it had not just happened. Only a few years before this had been a large tract of undeveloped, tree-covered land. Perhaps some farm homes or country estates were on it, but that was all. Then developers conceived the idea of a great residential area there, and that dream began to become a reality. Some Christian leaders with vision realized that if

new homes were to be there, churches, too, would be needed. Early in the development they secured property, in the right location, and began to plan for the future. The result was that the great Tallowood Baptist and other churches stand there today. Because someone did have vision, and did plan early, this beautiful area of a great city, has splendid and adequate church ministries today.

Mississippi leaders also are looking to the future and are doing just such planning right now. Under the leadership of Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, the convention board last year appointed a New Church Expansion Committee, and already is working with associations and churches in future planning.

Several sections of Mississippi

are experiencing rapid growth now, or are anticipating great growth in the near future. The North Mississippi — South Memphis area, the Jackson metropolitan area, and the Gulf Coast, are the three places of explosive growth at the present time. Already plans have been projected, or at least are in the planning stage, for tremendous developments in each of these areas. Plans for tens of thousands of new homes, large shopping centers, and industrial parks all are projected as the state anticipates continued growth within the coming years. As one talks with leaders in each of the three above named areas, he listens with amazement to reports of developments that already are under way. It is possible that similar growth will come in other areas as well.

Baptist leaders are not sitting idle while these things are happening. They are fully aware that new communities and new subdivisions are going to need churches, and they want strong Baptist churches to be located wherever there is such need. The new Church Expansion Committee works with associational missions committees, superintendents of missions and churches, in locating sites, acquiring property, providing temporary buildings, etc. The result has been that already a number of new missions have been projected, and some already started, through the committee's work. Stories elsewhere in this issue of the Record report on what already is being done.

The implementation of such a program requires money. Last year the convention voted to double the size of the 1975 State Mission Offering, and to use most of the money received through it for the new church expansion program. The Week of Prayer for the State Mission Offering is September 14-17 and the offering goal is \$250,000. Of this sum, \$199,300 has been designated to be used in the new church program. Promotion of this week of prayer, is, of course, through the WMU, but the other organizations are joining in the emphasis, and the whole church membership is invited and urged to participate.

Gifts to this great annual offering will this year go to the specific task of establishing new churches in developing areas. Mississippi is growing, as more people come to the state, and population increases. Baptist leaders want those people to have access to strong Baptist churches. You can help provide those churches by making a worthy gift to State Missions during this annual Week of Prayer.

Mrs. Ford Should Speak Out Again

When Mrs. Betty Ford recently appeared on television program, and made some startling statements concerning pre-marital sex and other ethical matters, a shocked nation responded instantly. Our first reaction was an uncertainty as to whether to condemn her or feel sorry for her.

It was difficult to ascertain whether she actually believed what she was saying, or whether she was led into "putting her foot into her mouth" by the questions of a smart television news personality. It appeared that what she was trying to say was that she was endeavoring to keep the door of communication open to her children, and that she had no intention of throwing them out should they become involved in some questionable affairs. What she said sounded much worse than that, but we were not sure that she meant it.

We still are not certain, for in subsequent statements she has spoken of her belief in the family, the home and in responsible moral relationships. Nevertheless, despite the strong reactions which have come from many quarters, she has not actually renounced the things she was led into saying, and has not taken a positive stand that she does not approve of pre-marital sex, drugs, and other ethical deviations. Many are taking this to mean that she does hold an ultra-liberal view on these subjects, and was saying exactly what she believes. We still doubt that, but of course, cannot be sure.

NEWEST BOOKS

ADVENTURES IN PRAYER by Catherine Marshall (Chosen Books, distributed by Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 96 pp.) "His help is at hand" is the theme of this new book by the well known and loved author of *A Man Called Peter*, *Christy*, *Something More*, and other books. In these pages Catherine Marshall shares personal prayer discoveries, including refreshing insights about what an exciting adventure true prayer is, and about how surprisingly down-to-earth God wants our prayers to be. Some of the material in the book was adapted from articles previously printed in *Guidelines* magazine. The apt and attractive illustrations are by Ned Glatteau.

SPURGEON'S DEVOTIONAL BIBLE by C. H. Spurgeon (Baker, 784 pp., \$9.95) Selected Bible readings for each day of the year with running comments concerning the passages. The plan is such that it can be used for morning and evening Bible reading and study and cover the whole Bible, although not every verse, in one year. However, the dating is such that it also can be used for once a day devotions covering the same material in two years. This is a reprint of a popular book which first appeared many years ago. Charles Spurgeon is one of the greatest preachers who ever has lived and was famed London Baptist pastor for the last half of the 19th century.

THANK GOD FOR SEX by Harry Hollis, Jr. (Broadman, 167 pp., \$4.95) The subject may seem unusual, but the book is simply a solid discussion of sexual understanding and behaviour as related to the Christian life. Taking a Christian approach the author discusses the contemporary picture, looks at a theological model, and presents a serious discussion of what the church can and should be doing about sex. In this day when sex has been so cheapened in modern life, this is a volume to help Christians get a biblical perspective concerning it.

WHO IN HELL NEEDS A SHEPHERD? by Del Carter (Judson, 94 pp., paper, \$3.50) The author is a Methodist preacher who almost left the ministry because of atheistic doubts, but who was brought back to a solid faith through an experience of a wild ride down a mountain on an old school bus whose brakes and gears failed. In this unusual book he tells of human experiences which teach many lessons concerning spiritual relationships. It is unusual, but it is readable and meaningful.

THE FAMILY BIBLE STUDY BOOK edited by Betsey Scanlan (Revell, 255 pp., \$6.95) The author believes that the family should study the Bible together. In this book is outlined a plan for doing this. Parents and children learn how to look at the Bible in a worship experience. Each lesson begins with an opening prayer, a scripture reading, questions and answers concerning that scripture, a conclusion and a closing prayer. This appears to be an ideal type of book for a 15-minute Bible study period for the family. It is more than mere Bible reading and prayer, but actually is a family study period. Bible books covered are Genesis, Proverbs, John, Acts, and Ephesians. Not everything in these books is covered but enough to give an overview of the entire book. From these examples, families can learn how to study other portions of the Bible.

A SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY by William Barclay (Eerdman's, 122 pp., \$5.95) William Barclay is one of the best known theological writers of this day and his books have sold millions of copies. In this book the man who has been a member of the divinity faculty of the University of Glasgow, Scotland for more than 27 years looks back at the spiritual experiences through which he has come. He calls many things to remembrance, presents a self portrait, discusses his beliefs, and other materials. Barclay is not always conservative in his views, but this volume gives an insight into his thinking.

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THE DOCTRINE OF REVELATION by Arthur W. Pink (Baker, 259 pp., \$6.95) Dr. Arthur W. Pink was one of the greatest expositors of the scripture to write in the first half of this century. He died in 1952. This book was written immediately after World War II and confronts head on those who deny God and his revelation of himself. The studies appeared in Dr. Pink's magazine, "Studies in the Scripture" and are here collected for permanent use. In the four sections he discusses God's revelation of His existence; the Holy Bible; subjective revelation; and revelation in glory. In studies which probe deeply into the scripture truth, the author presents well reasoned arguments which bring conviction concerning the truths which are presented.

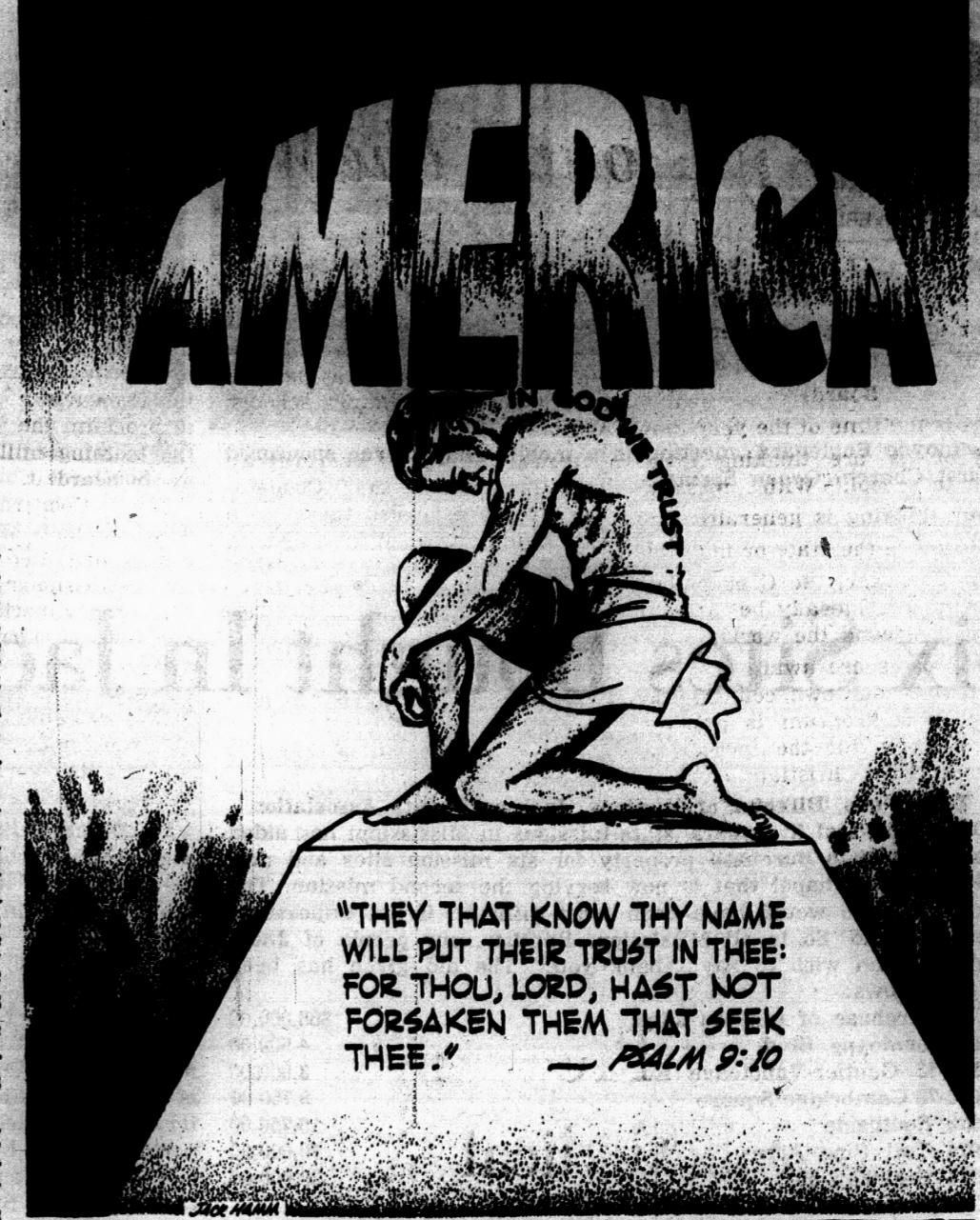
A MAN IN CHRIST by James S. Stewart (Baker, 332 pp., paper \$3.95) Another volume in the reprint series called the James Stewart Library. This is a series of theological lectures concerning Paul and his ministry.

IRON SHOES by C. Roy Angell (Broadman, \$2.95, 117 pp., paper) For the visually limited reader, this is a reprint of C. Roy Angell's first book, and still his most popular. Dr. Angell skillfully blended personal narrative with words of advice from the Bible.

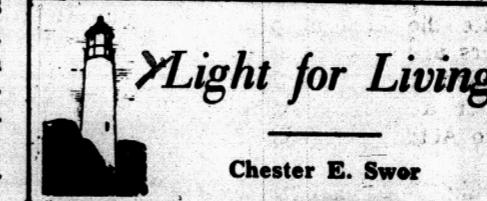
OUTREACH IDEAS FOR YOUNG ADULTS by Joseph M. Haynes (Convention paper, \$1.25, 96 pp.) This new book begins with insights concerning the reasons for outreach to young adults. Next, there is a wealth of suggested activities, outlines, and germ ideas for reaching out to young adults in different life situations. Finally, there is a chapter devoted to ways to evaluate outreach efforts. The compiler is a former Mississippian.

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THE BAPTIST FORUM

Church Disagrees With Mrs. Ford's Views

Mr. Gerald Ford, President
United States of America
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned members of our little church, take this means of protesting the recent interview held on the television program, "Sixty Minutes," and also some interviews later by Mrs. Ford, wherein she expressed certain beliefs which are contrary to the sacred spiritual and moral codes of the Bible, God's Holy Word, which is held so dear by a tremendous number of Americans.

Our nation is supposedly a Christian nation. It was founded and built upon Christianity, and possessed moral codes for many generations that caused it to stand out among the nations of the world as one that followed the teachings of the Bible. Mrs. Ford is known as our First Lady of the land, and we suppose professes to be a Christian. It would have been wonderful for our First Lady in her interview to have said there are certain moral codes that God desires his people to adhere to.

We believe that a breakdown of these Christian principles as taught in the Bible will ultimately and unequivocally bring down the wrath of Almighty God upon our nation. Be assured that we know there are many people who believe like Mrs. Ford seemed to indicate she believed. That is their prerogative. But there are multiplied millions of Christian Americans who feel that such beliefs are a disgrace to God and His teachings, and to the Christian people of our nation.

Signed,
Members of Oak Grove
Baptist Church, John E. Barrow, pastor
Prentiss, Mississippi

On The MORAL SCENE...

LIVING LONGER — Among the nations that measure average life expectancy, America ranks a relatively low 17th—behind most of Western Europe, Japan, Greece and even Bulgaria. Part of the reason is that the U.S. is a large, heterogeneous country where many people, especially nonwhites and the rural poor, lack good nutrition and medical care. But the statistics are improving. The average American life span reached a record-high 71.9 years in 1974, up from 71.3 in 1973. According to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the expected lifetime rose to 68.1 years for men and to 75.8 for women—the largest annual increases in two decades. (TIME Weekly, July 21, 1975)

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It's Back To School Around The World

By Lewis I. Myers, Sr.
Cleveland, Mississippi
(Member of State Convention Board and of the Home Mission Board)

This is the time of the year that many of us are thinking about "back to school." With most of us, our thinking is generally across town, in the state or in our nation. However, the Cooperative Program will literally be going to school around the world.

Many of us are aware of the fact that in our own country the Cooperative Program is providing assistance for the increasing needs in our Christian colleges and universities, seminaries, hospitals, and other institutions. These needs include buildings, maintenance and operation. However, one of the greatest needs being met which cannot be relat-

ed to the physical needs is that of a strong Christian witness and challenge to the cause of missions to the thousands of our young people attending the colleges, universities, nurses' training schools, etc.

Around the world, wherever we have missionaries, the Cooperative Program is also there in a very definite way. It is there to help provide for places for missionaries to live. It is there to help provide transportation facilities for going to mission points and transporting others to places of worship. It is there to help provide chapels, churches and places of worship. It is there to help provide scriptures, tracts and other materials translated in their language. It is there to help provide colleges and seminaries for training local converts to work with their own people. It is there to help train and prepare



the people for a better life by teaching classes in sewing, meal planning and cooking, child care and many other areas leading to improve living. And above all, the Cooperative Program is there to proclaim the "Good News" to the teeming millions who have never heard it.

The Cooperative Program, with the help of other agencies, makes available schools for the MK's (Missionary Kids) in areas where no American schools are accessible. Morrison Christian Academy in Taichung, Taiwan is one of several such schools. Many MK's, as well as other American children, enjoy the enriched curriculum, the varied athletic program, as well as the extra-curricular activities provided for them. These schools are staffed with educated, dedicated Christian teachers who help to instill Christian principles into the lives of their students. The ultra-modern dormitories, with patient, understanding Christian housemothers, furnish the students a good home away from home. From these institutions many students have graduated and returned to the States and have become productive citizens of our society.

Recently we were privileged to visit several areas of the world where we witnessed the importance and effectiveness of the presence of the Cooperative Program. In Hong Kong we have a very strong witness in the Baptist College where over 5,000 students are receiving Christian training and education. There we also found a Baptist hospital and seminary with a very effective Christian witness, and thriving because of the presence of the Cooperative Program.

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Graham In Brussels

BRUSSELS — Billy Graham was a busy man during his evangelistic campaign in Brussels. In the daytime, he visited with the young people attending EUROFEST '75, a 10-day-long Bible study gathering, and at night he conducted his campaign at Heizel Stadium. At left, Mr. Graham answers question for a small group of EUROFEST participants representing many different countries. At right, he opens his nine-day campaign with Jacques Blocher serving as his French interpreter. In addition to French, the meeting was translated into six other languages. — (RNS Photo)

Longer Life Spans Create New Problems, Ministries

By Bill Latham

Never before have so many persons lived so long or so well. In Mississippi there are 340,000 adults 65 years of age or older, and this number is growing by 5,000 each year. Within five years one out of every eight adults will be at least 65 years old. In 1900 the average life expectancy was 47 and there were only 64,000 older adults in Mississippi. Now a person can expect to live beyond 47 to retire at age 65 and enjoy that retirement for at least 15 years.

However, this blessing of longer life for older adults has intensified some of their old problems and created new ones. Many problems grow out of the fact that our culture still hasn't outgrown the notion that "old people" should be "put out to pasture" for a few years and then die. The truth is that older adults have an intense need to continue to be useful and productive, to be involved in the lives of others and to grow as persons.

Another factor is that older adults find they must live 15 years and longer on a retirement income that was intended to provide for less than 10. In addition, each year inflation eats away a little more of the buying power of the retired person's income, making it increasingly difficult to have the basic necessities of life: housing, food, transportation, medical care, clothing, and personal care.

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BMC Plans \$2.4 Million Fund-Raising Effort

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to move into management training.

"Some of the areas we see possibilities include real estate, banking, business, and industry with course instruction ranging from business law and industrial psychology to labor relations and money management."

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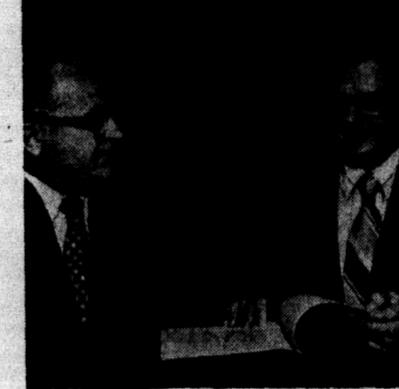
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general program support. The third phase is expected to total \$850,000. Major building requirements necessitated by program improvement at the school will be a fourth priority item and is expected to total \$650,000.

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all excited about the possibilities of the campaign and it is our intent to continue as a strong woman's college that provides academic training enabling graduates to compete in today's changing world.



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No Change In Premium Rates For Church Medical In 1976

DALLAS (BP) — At a time when inflation is forcing prices upward in practically every category, members in the church medical insurance plan are getting some good news from the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board — no premium rate increases between now and the end of 1976.

Darold H. Morgan, board president, confirmed the "no rate increase" during the next 16 months came from Aetna Life Insurance Company when bids were opened and compared for the church medical plan.

He said the stabilized rate placed Aetna ahead of six other major insurance companies which had submitted bids. Out of 21 ma-

jor insurance firms, 15 declined to bid. They indicated they could not underwrite the kind of program ministers and church staff members needed or they felt they could not offer a plan at rates competitive to Aetna's, Morgan said.

"Since moving the church medical plan to Aetna in late July, we have been striving for stability in benefits and rates. We believe we have achieved our goal, especially when we look at how inflation is forcing medical costs upward throughout the nation," he said.

Morgan said also that applications for the church medical plan in July are up 15 per cent over July, 1974.

ched four times daily, while other prisoners are searched twice. He has already been moved to three different camps and, under conditions of his sentence, will have to wait "many months" for another visit from his family," KNS said.

KNS reported some good news, however for the Kiev Church to which Vins belongs. The news service said the church "has been registered unconditionally, enabling it to function freely without the usual restrictions imposed by the State." No reason or explanation of the action was given by KNS.

But Christian believers in Kiev noted it is the first instance of its kind in the Soviet Union. The church's 500 members have been meeting in the woods but now have a church building, which they are renovating themselves, KNS said.

Alexei Bichkov, secretary-general of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians - Baptists, said at the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Stockholm in July that the printing press, confiscated when the five women and other Christian workers were arrested, had been returned to the reform Baptists, KNS said this has not been confirmed.

Vins' prison identity card is marked with a special red stripe, KNS reported, which means he is considered liable to attempt to escape. It also means, the news service said, "stricter treatment."

Vins, according to KNS, is sear-

Boyce Bible School Completes First Year

With four courses offered in the July term, Boyce Bible School completed its first full year of class work. Approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1974 as a program of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Boyce Bible School began classes in August 1974 with 48 students. During the year the enrollment has climbed to over the 100 mark, according to Allen W. Graves, Executive Director. The new program offers preparation for mature Baptist ministers who have not completed college.

During this first year of its existence, Boyce Bible School has offered 51 courses on campus, each carrying one semester hour of credit, taught by 15 professors during the day classes. Twenty-

two courses have been offered at night, including courses offered by Seminary Evening School which are open to Boyce Bible School students. During the coming school year, these offerings will be doubled with 108 daytime classes and 34 evening classes scheduled. The additional classes provide for students entering their second year of work and also offer several options for electives and for varied time schedules.

The diploma from Boyce Bible School requires 80 units or semester hours of course work which can be completed in two years or less. Instructional costs are small because of the support coming to Boyce Bible School through Southern Seminary's share of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

Paul Adkins has stated the problem well: "Modern medicine and technology have contributed to

the great increase in the number of older persons in the population. While proud of this achievement, society is not sure what to do with the older citizens or for them. Without a clear sense of purpose or role in the later years, the older persons themselves are not certain about what they may expect. Their hope, however, is somehow to remain useful, to be accepted as persons and not become burdensome."

Our society is becoming increasingly aware of the needs of its older adults and has made beginning attempts to respond to those needs. This response is seen in increased Social Security benefits, Medicare, the national hot meals program, the creation of a national senior service corps, and a comprehensive pension reform package. Mississippi churches are also beginning to respond to the needs of older adults in their membership and in the community around them. Evidence of this is seen in special study and fellowship groups, at least one telephone reassurance program, week-day activities, clubs, transportation programs, and ministries to the homebound.

To assist Mississippi churches in beginning or strengthening their ministries to older adults a series of five conferences will be conducted September 15-19. Pastors, other staff members, church training directors, and older adults interested in this conference may get further information by contacting the State Church Training Department.

Transportation

Meals on wheels

Telephone reassurance program

Continuing education

Social and fellowship programs

Pastors training church leaders to minister with the elderly in health care facilities

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10:15-10:30 Biblical Perspective on Aging

10:30-11:35 Philosophy and Attitudes

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11:35-12:15 Guidelines for Creative Church Programming for Older Adults

12:15-1:00 Lunch

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1:00-1:30 Continuing to Grow

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CONFERENCE ON MINISTERING WITH OLDER ADULTS

Church _____ Association _____

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Persons To Attend: _____

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() Philadelphia, First—Sept. 17 () Wiggins, First—Sept. 18

() Brookhaven, First—Sept. 19

Students Vow To Give Love Through Missions

GLORIETA, N. M. — More than 2,500 students meeting here during the "Glorieta Student Conference" have vowed to take their love through missions to the world, beginning on college and university campuses throughout the United States this fall.

During the week-long conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, students agreed that now is the time to show Christian love to all peoples regardless of race, color or creed. In the upcoming school year, they vowed to fulfill their theme, "To the World with Love."

The purpose of the yearly national gathering is to engage students in leadership conferences preparing them for effective Christian ministry on their college campuses during the upcoming school year.

According to Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, the three student ministries emphases for 1975-76 are missions, worship, and Bible study. The lead emphasis is on missions.

These are three of ten student ministries emphases highlighted each year, explains Roselle. Others are evangelism, churchmanship, ministry, international students, social action, stewardship, and fellowship.

"In the area of student ministries, 'missions' is defined as Baptist Student Union activities and projects directed toward meeting the needs of persons off campus," says Roselle. "Such activities include sponsoring a mission Sunday School; tutoring disadvantaged children; and conducting literacy classes, youth revival teams, Home Mission Board and BSU-sponsored student mis-

sions.

"Also, included in missions is a continuous education program to inform students of mission needs and opportunities around the world, including the needs and opportunities for participating in missions as a life vocation.

During the week, students called for:

An increase of the number of students who serve in summer missions, resort ministries and mission projects conducted during the year.

Work toward the goal of 5,000 student missionaries in 1976.

All students to attend FREE-DOM '76, national SBC conference for students and young adults to be held in San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 28-31, 1975. Approximately 10,000 persons are expected to attend.

Conducting a state or campus-wide Interracial Bible Retreat during the next year, the purpose being to open doors of understanding between the races.

All BSU's to conduct a Mission Emphasis Week on every college and university campus during the upcoming school year.

"The work the students accomplish here this week will lead to actions on college campuses this fall," concludes Roselle.

Revival Dates

New Palestine, Picayune (Pearl River): September 14-19; Rev. Robert Dunn, pastor of Locust St. Church, McComb, evangelist; Gary Cornett, minister of music; Calvary, West Point, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; weekday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harry Barnes, pastor.

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Roland Leath, Pastor



The Department of Radiology at Mississippi Baptist Hospital won the inter-departmental volleyball tournament at the hospital this year in one of the activities of the hospital's Baptist Student Union. Accepting the award from hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor (dark suit) on behalf of his fellow team-mates was Marty Bozarth, medical-radiation physicist.

BSU At Baptist Hospital Plans "Round-Up Retreat"

Baptist Student Union activities at Mississippi Baptist Hospital concentrated during the summer, on events designed to help students get to know each other better, through religious activity and through sports and recreational contests.

And Miss Kathy Bearden, BSU director for the program at the hospital, said the emphasis will continue in the fall, with plans in the making for "faculty fellowship" sessions where faculty members of the hospital's various educational programs can know each other better.

A "round-up retreat" is being planned for October 13 at Rice Acres, off Terry Road, and members of all the hospital educational programs are expected to participate in this event as a major activity of the fall season, according to Miss Bearden.

She said dates have been set for October 24-27 for the hospital's annual observance of "Religious Education Week," and the featured speaker will be Dr. Joseph Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson.

Also participating in the observance will be Mrs. Helen Maxey, of Oklahoma, who will be fulfilling this role for the third time this year. Her husband is the minister of music at First Baptist Church at Moore, Oklahoma.

"Music will again be a very important part of Religious Emphasis Week," said Miss Bearden, "and Gene Rester, of the hospital's Cardiovascular department, will once again be in charge of the musical portion of

the program."

The summer BSU program at Mississippi Baptist Hospital included a volleyball tournament which attracted a high level of interest and participation from the students at the hospital, with the radiological department's team emerging as the tournament winner.

All four schools — licensed practical nursing, medical technology, respiratory therapy and radiological technology — graduated classes during the summer and began new ones as they continue to follow a year-round schedule.

For the fourth year, the Baptist Student Union published a school annual depicting activities at the hospital.

Broadmoor Forms New Class For

Formerly Marrieds

A "Formerly Married" Sunday School class has been formed at Broadmoor Church, Jackson. The class began during May and each week since then enthusiasm and interest has grown. There are approximately 25 members now enrolled with an average weekly attendance of 18. The Formerly Married class meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in room B-18, under the leadership of Mrs. Phil (Barbara) Reeves.

This group of Christian men and women is united under a common bond to help and share with others who have, and are experiencing a most trying time in their lives. Monthly socials are held in order to get better acquainted with members and prospective members.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this new group you may contact the church office at 366-8433 or outreach leader Doris Reeves at 956-3500 after five o'clock. People of all ages and denominations are invited.

Hobbs Returns To BH

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs returns from his summer "Baptist Hour" vacation September 7 to begin a new series of sermons based on the theme, "Living All Your Life."

To really live, Hobbs suggests that Christian must, like Jesus, "determine properly what shall be their priorities and remember the true meaning and purpose of life is spiritual, not material."

On September 14, Hobbs tell listeners that "Life is more than things. And life on this earth is but a prelude to eternity. Death does not end life, but merely transfers it into another sphere of being."

In "You Need A Compass," the subject of his September 21 "Baptist Hour" sermon, Hobbs says everyone is a ship on the sea of life. "And we need a compass to keep us on course toward God's intended port of call."

Personal Planning

Seminar To Be

Sept. 22-23

NASHVILLE — A "Personal Planning Seminar" will be held Sept. 22-23 in Shreveport, La., sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church administration department.

The seminar offers pastors help in planning pastoral work, providing time to get work done in an effective manner, says Brooks R. Faulkner, pastoral ministries consultant at the board and seminar director. Pastors will learn how to clarify work, choose priorities, take a planned approach to change and develop a schedule to carry out plans.

The registration fee of \$10, covering cost of materials, should be sent to Brooks R. Faulkner, Church Administration Department, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

Senior Citizens Invited To Open House At Governor's Mansion

The Mississippi Council on Aging urges all senior citizens to attend Open House at the Governor's Mansion in Jackson on Friday, September 19. Governor Waller said, "The Mansion belongs to all of the people of Mississippi. As a tribute to our senior citizens, we are observing a special day in their honor so that they may come and experience the heritage and history of our state, which is embodied in this beautiful building."

The mansion will be open from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The tours will include the historical part of the mansion as well as a portion

of the family area. Senior citizens will serve as hosts and hostesses.

The Area Agencies on Aging are coordinating plans with groups of seniors from all over the state to attend the Open House on September 19. Clubs, organizations, and churches are being asked to help with organization and transportation. Senior citizens are urged to make plans now and to contact the Area Agency on Aging as soon as possible.

Several groups are planning picnics at Riverside Park, Jackson, either before or after they tour the Mansion. The clubhouse there will be available to senior citizens at no charge.

Names In The News

Rev. Johnny E. Speedling, Jr. has resigned as minister of music and youth of Sage Avenue Church, Mobile, Ala., to accept the call as minister of music and associate pastor of McDowell Road Church Jackson. Mr. Speedling, a native of Mobile, is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Speedling, native of Chickasaw, Alab., is a graduate of William Carey College and University of South Alabama. They have two children, Sandon, 6 and Sharee, age 15 months.

FANNY STARAS, missionary to Thailand, has arrived in the States on furlough. (address: 9055 E. Coronado Drive, Baton Rouge, La. 70815). She was born in Hattiesburg, Miss.

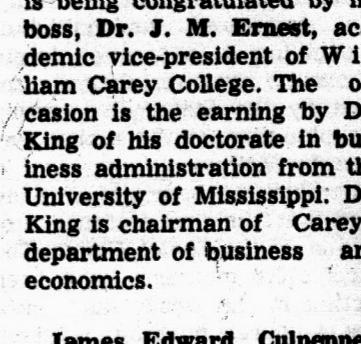
JERRY SMITH will assume full time duties Sept. 8 at East Philadelphia Church as minister of music and assistant to the pastor. He goes from Brookhaven where he has been serving part-time at New Prospect, and also as assistant manager of the J. C. Penney store. He and his wife Peggy, daughters Darlene 10 and Felicia 13, will be living in a new double-wide mobile home across from the church, provided by the church. This is the first time East Philadelphia Baptist Church has had a fulltime assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jackson Glase Jr., missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 2225 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky., 40206). He was born in D'Lo, Miss., and grew up in Pelahatchie.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Virgil Cooper, missionaries to Korea, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 907 Stanley Ave., Andalusia, Ala. 36420). He was born in Water Valley, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal B. Lee Jr., missionaries to France, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1716 River Rd., Pascagoula, Miss. 39567).



DR. JERRY GALE KING, left, is being congratulated by his boss, Dr. J. M. Ernest, academic vice-president of William Carey College. The occasion is the earning by Dr. King of his doctorate in business administration from the University of Mississippi. Dr. King is chairman of Carey's department of business and economics.

James Edward Culpepper, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Culpepper, was recently licensed to preach by First Church, State Line and preached at the morning service. Native of Mobile, Mr. Culpepper graduated from University of Alabama and is now a student at Southern Seminary. His great-grandfather, C. T. Culpepper, was also a minister. Rev. W. W. Hayes is pastor at State Line.

FAYE PEARSON, missionary to Taiwan, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 00222, Kaohsiung 800, Taiwan, Republic of China). She is a native of Laurel.

Roy Wood was recently licensed to the ministry by East Howard Church, Biloxi. He has been serving as chairman of the deacons, and has accepted a new position as minister of outreach at East Howard. Rev. R. L. Frees is pastor.

Sylvia Green was guest violinist for a concert at First Church, Crystal Springs August 24, at the beginning of the church's Music Emphasis Week. Miss Green's home was originally in Crystal Springs. She is now on the staff of First Church, Dallas. Dr. T. Bobby Davis, Dallas musician, was her accompanist. Rev. Estus Mason is pastor.

RESEARCH GRANT — James Cade (seated) of Ossyka and Jerry Hall of Meridian have been working in the Mississippi College science department this summer. They have been participating in research in biological sciences under a special grant from the National Science Foundation. The program, Undergraduate Research Participation, provides students with apprenticeships in scientific research. (M. C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

The FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

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Man: Made In God's Image

By William J. Fallis

Genesis 1-2

With this lesson we begin a three-month study of the book of Genesis. Although some class members may say that it ought to be six months, most will feel that thirteen Sundays on one Bible book is enough.

They are not interested in a close study of words, and they may favor a better than even emphasis on New Testament books. Much can be accomplished in 13 weeks; plan now to read the entire book of Genesis before next Sunday. With that background you could better understand the scope of the three major units of study: Unit 1, "God's Creation: Who Am I?"; Unit 2, "God's Call: Our Pilgrimage of Faith," focusing on Abraham; Unit 3, "God's Will: Our Acceptance of Servanthood," dealing with Jacob and Joseph. So the emphasis will be on meanings.

The Lesson Explained

Genesis — Book Of Basic Understandings

Many adults miss the greatness of Genesis either by spending their time arguing over the method of creation or by ignoring its stories because they are told to children. Ultimately, anyone trying to understand the teachings of either Judaism or Christianity must go back to Genesis because it contains some of the great basic

concepts. No other Bible book attempts to explain creation or describe the beginning of the struggle between good and evil. God's concern for mankind is revealed vividly in Genesis, and the rest of Israel's experience with God is based on that revelation. God's judgment of sin is told simply and dramatically in Genesis, and that same God disturbed and supported the prophets. Genesis is indeed a book of beginning; it is foundational.

From Dust To Living Soul

Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7

These two passages seem to represent two separate stories of the creation of man — somewhat different and yet basically the same. The first passage shows man as the climax of God's vast creative effort. He was made in the image and likeness of God. Although similar to animals in many physical ways, he was also similar to God. In fact the word for "image" suggests an exact resemblance. His likeness to God may be suggested in man's relationship to other living beings; as God had created them, man was to "have dominion" over them. He would be the caretaker of creation.

The second passage is not so theologically inclined. It tells quite simply that God collected mud, shaped it into a man, and when he breathed into it, the thing "became a living soul." Although some people feel this word "soul" is the difference between

man and the animals, the Hebrew word is better translated "being." The same Hebrew word is used for animals; they are all beings. Man's likeness to God must be in personality. As a person, man can have fellowship with the divine Person. Also, he is aware of himself; he can think through complex problems and make decisions; he can appreciate beauty, love, and courage. Although a part of the physical creation, man can live at a high level when responding to God.

One Plus One Equal One

Genesis 2:18-25

Man was quite comfortable in the Garden of Eden, but God recognized his need for companionship. Flowers, trees, and animals provided an interesting setting, but man needed a companion who could respond to him and help him become a mature person. The phrase "help meet" in verse 18 is not a strange spelling of helper. It really means a helper who is suitable. In being given the privilege of naming the animals, man demonstrated in a sense his control over them. But they were not his equal; he needed a person to help him.

While the man (Adam) slept, divinely induced, God used a rib to "build" a woman. When Adam awoke and saw her, he said, "This is it! She is part of my own bone and flesh!" (TLB). He recognized her as his own kind. From one person God had made two; as husband and wife they would always represent "one flesh."

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Why Does God Allow This?

By Bill Duncan

Job 3:6-7

"I can't believe this could happen to me!" is the cry of one who has suffered the sickness unto death. Many years ago, Soren Kierkegaard suggested that the death is despair, sickness unto death is despair.

The immediate reaction to the disasters that a stripped Job of wealth, family, rendered him a pauper and a bereaved man. But he reacted with faith and confidence in God. When the "friends" came and misunderstood him, condemned him and accused him, this only caused Job to feel isolated from his friend. The sickness unto death began with his sense of estrangement from God himself.

Someone has suggested that C. S. Lewis is a modern Job. After his wife's death, he experienced the full onslaught of the loss. In his book *A Grief Observed* he gives expression to the questions and protests that stem from the agony of bereavement. There were many things that were said about God that seem to accuse God of not being just, such as: "Time after time when he (God) seemed most gracious, he was really preparing the next torture." Lewis described this lament as a yell rather than a thought. Job realized his lament was a yell because he said, "The speech of a despairing man is

ply cannot understand why such reversals in fortune are permitted to happen — and especially why they happened to him.

Much of what he says in his anguish is because he did not understand, but what matters is that he turns to God.

Do you ever talk to yourself? Why? Are you lonely or you do not think anyone will understand your feeling? That is what Job did in chapter 3. He was not addressing God or his friends. He was talking to himself, putting into words his innermost thoughts and feelings. The reason he was not talking to God was that he felt estranged from God.

His friends are moved — appalled at his appearance, shocked by his rebellion and terrified by his candor. So they just sat silent with him for seven days.

When Job began to speak he was unaware that he had an audience. He simply drains his heart of the bitterness. The cry of this deeply wounded man is expressed in the form of three wishes; "that he had never been born (3:3-10); that he might have died at birth (3:11-19); that he might die now (3:20-26)." This is the response of an essentially healthy, vigorous, searching mind to the inescapable fact of pain.

Here is Job's problem. If his theology is correct, he is the chief of sinners, but he knows he is not. Now Job never claimed he was sinless, but may have recognized some trouble as the acceptable chastisement of God. But he cannot believe all that had happened to him.

A friend came to Job named Eliphaz and advised him to submit himself to God and wait trustfully. It is like some say, "Don't worry, everything is for the best."

In his reply he reflects his disappointment with his friend's failure to understand his problem.

It is our natural vexation, impatience, grief and even anger when faced with injustice and offense. The burden Job carries is "heavier than the sand of the sea." Job implicates God as being responsible for his affliction. He rejects the idea that he should be patient and accept the problem by saying, "What am I, some

kind of stone or bronze statue? Have I no human feelings?" (vv 11-12).

It is a terrible thing to lose confidence in one's friends, but Job finds himself in that position (6:14-7:6). To withhold kindness from a friend is to turn one's back on true religion. Job's friends were like dried up rivers; when the water is everywhere they are full and when water is needed they are dry. They see his calamity and are uneasy and fearful. His despair has caused life to become a drag.

The final section of Job's reply to Eliphaz is a prayer to God (7:7-21). It begins with a statement of the brevity and fragility of human life. "If God does not do something soon it will be too late." The heart of Job's prayer is that God should have no cause to pick on Job. One thought of Job 7:20-21 needs to be realized, "If man sins, why should that concern the creator of the universe?" The truth is that God is very much concerned about what happens to each of us. But Job is unable to face that truth. Therefore, we can rejoice that we have the New Testament that tells us that God is like Jesus Christ.

Job had looked about him in the pit of despair, and found there the full horror of the shade, but he is discovering that God too is in the pit, looking for Job. Perhaps you can recall the time when you were a child and your parents did something that you thought most unjust, you went away and sulked. Job reverts to a child-like experience. Still rebellious and unconvinced, he gives indirect testimony to belief that God is love. He asked why God did not pardon his transgression and take away his iniquity.

In this lesson we see Job's echo in many today who have some knowledge of God but who are gripped by the "sickness unto death" in despair because they are estranged from him. His speech is very characteristic of the time in which we live. There is hope in the greatness of God and his eternal love. One day we will see and understand.

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Just For The Record



New Hope (Tate) Holds Bond Fire

New Hope (Tate) held a bond fire when they retired the debt on their educational area and left the church free of debt. Left to right: Leon Brandon, Clarence Peyton, Raymond Young, Murray Smith, deacons, and Rev. Roy C. Wilson, pastor. The church plans to build a pastor's home soon.



Women Tour Baptist Center

Rev. Glen Williams, associational missionary for Pike County, recently made this picture at the Baptist Center in McComb. This is part of a group of WMU members from North McComb Church. They toured the building and later enjoyed refreshments.

Antioch Homecoming

Antioch Church, Neshoba County, will have homecoming day Sunday, September 7. An all-day service is planned, with dinner on the grounds.



Union (Rankin) Frames Note

Union (Rankin) recently framed a note, thus showing that the pastorum was paid for, seven years ahead of schedule. Left to right: Rev. J. A. McCain, pastor; Dot Burnham, J. O. Miley, C. B. Winstead, Carl Myers, Building Committee (Marilyn Burnham, not pictured). Cooperative Program gifts have increased from \$250 last year to \$1,020.67 to date this year. A Baptist Women's group has been organized.



Win First Place In Talent Show

Cindy Cooper with Andy Arnold and Lisa Clark with Danny O'Day won first place in a Talent Show August 16 sponsored by Pike County Baptist Association, in cooperation with Percy Quin State Park. They were one of the entries from First Baptist Church of McComb. There were about 15 entries.

Southwestern Completes DMin Accreditation

FORT WORTH (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has become the first of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries to complete the final accreditation process with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) on its doctor of ministry (D. Min.) degree.

All six SBC seminaries were granted preliminary accreditation

by the ATS along with about 30 theological schools in the nation, and are graduating DMin students with accredited degrees, an ATS spokesman said.

Southwestern Seminary and six other theological schools, he said, were the first seven schools to complete the ATS' final evaluation process for full accreditation.

The other six are Chicago Theological Seminary; Princeton (N. J.) Theological Seminary; Meadville-Lombard Theological School, Chicago; Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va.; the University of Chicago Divinity School; and Southern School of Theology, Southern California, Claremont, Calif.

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